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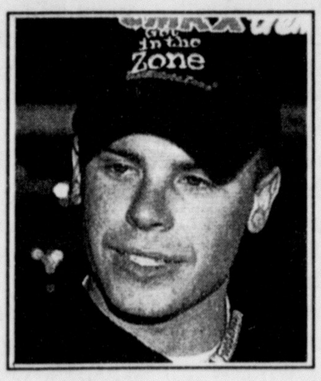
Lamar: 3rd place



West Sacramento's Burney Lamar led for 75 laps of the 125-lap NASCAR Toyota All-Star Showdown Saturday in Bakersfield. But a track mishap left him on the outside of the third row for the re-start, and he finished in third place behind Eric Holmes and Rip Michels.

The field included 20 cars

Will they choose, or you choose?

Council discusses whether to fill seat by appointment

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

MARK MONTEMAYOR

The election of Christopher Cabaldon to the post of the city's first publicly-chosen mayor leaves the West Sacramento City Council with a delicate issue: should it hold a separate election to replace him on the council, or appoint an existing councilman to finish Cabaldon's term?

Mark Montemayor, who failed to win re-election to the council during this month's ballot, believes he should be appointed to fill the remaining two years of Cabaldon's term. But at least one councilman believes a special election should instead be scheduled to fill the post.

"It's really up to the council," Montemayor told the News-Ledger. "I'm going to be sitting down from the conversation about this (at tonight's council meeting). Legally, I could participate, but ethically I could not take part because I am in competition for the position."

Through a trick of the 2004 election process, Montemayor found himself the odd man out among three councilmen up for election earlier this month. A new post of elected mayor was being created for the city this year, and council member Christopher Cabaldon (the council's "chosen" mayor) ran for the post and won it . To make way for the new mayor's seat, though, one of the five council seats was phased out. That meant that the three council members up for re-election – Montemayor, Bill Kristoff and Oscar Villegas – had to compete among several challengers for only two seats. And Kristoff and Villegas proved to be the two top vote-getters – so Montemayor lost his seat, even though no challengers finished ahead of him.

The second part of the problem is that the new mayor's seat was won by Cabaldon, who was holding down a council seat that was not on this month's ballot. So when Cabaldon takes over as mayor after November 30, he will leave behind a vacant council seat. The council has 30 days to either appoint a replacement for the final two years of Cabaldon's term or schedule a special election to fill it.

> 'If the council is willing to save the cost of the election, by filling the position, I'd like to be the person for the job.'
> MARK MONTEMAYOR

"My two bits is that if the council is willing to save the taxpayers $35,000, the cost of the election, by filling the position, I'd like to be the person for the job," said Montemayor. "I've served for eight years. I was the third-place vote-getter and in any previous year, I'd be on the council again. But if the council does not want to appoint me, my feeling is it should go to a special election."

Councilman Bill Kristoff said a special election is the way he is leaning. He recalled that the last time the council had a vacancy, a special election was the route chosen by the council.

"I think we really need to stay consistent and have an election and let the people decide," Kristoff stated.

What about the $35,000 cost?

"It costs money, but it's a good two year term and we might as well spend the money and give the public an opportunity to choose the person," Kristoff answered.

The council will begin discussion of the topic at tonight's meeting – but won't have to make a decision before December 30.

'Review' not renewed:

School newspaper, auto shop are cut

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Wondering why you haven't received a copy of the River City High School newspaper tucked inside the News-Ledger this fall?

The high school's journalism plan is no more, reports school principal Mort Geivett.

"We had to make some cuts in certain areas," said Geivett. "We had a deficit in the budget for the school district and had to cut some electives. Journalism went, and auto shop, and we had to reduce some sections of ESL (English as a Second Language), English, math and some of our remedial classes."

Some classes were removed from the school's main schedule and moved to positions after school, in order to qualify for outside funding.

Journalism also had some trouble attracting students, said Geivett, and electives that were expensive – like auto shop – or had trouble filling seats were among those cut. He did not allude to any trouble with the content of the school newspaper articles (which sometimes covered "negative" topics) or to the departure of teacher Chris Allan from the journalism class as factors in canceling it.

Allan told the News-Ledger in an email that she had asked to leave the newspaper program.

"I requested another assignment at the end of last school year," she said. "I had personally and professionally become uncomfortable with the way the administration was addressing concerns it had about the 'necessity' of various articles the students had written for the newspaper."

She added that she didn't always agree with her students' opinions in the paper, but said she "tried to hold them to the highest journalistic standards possible" and was "proud of the work we did together."

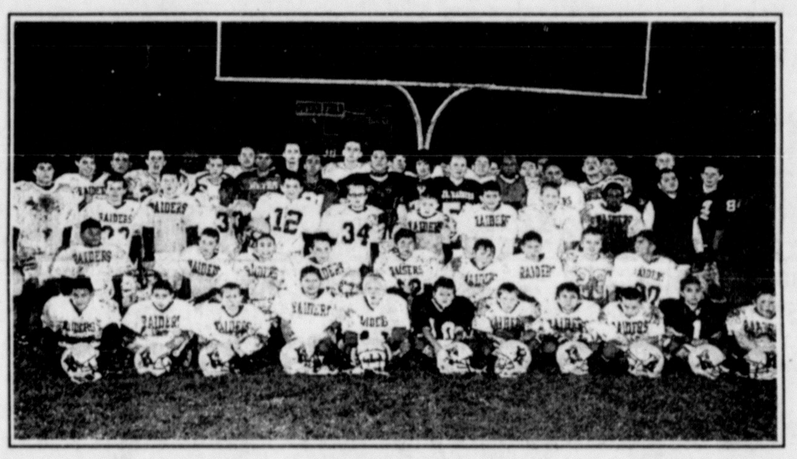
The school newspaper had been re-started after a hiatus about a decade ago, with a prod from the News-Ledger, which offered initial training, and printed the publication at no charge. Allan had followed former RCHS teacher Sandy Larson at the helm.

Geivett said that the auto shop class, another budget casualty, hadn't fully gotten off the ground before it was discontinued this year.

"Auto shop is a very expensive program," he commented. "Our kids were working on small engines and not really cracking hoods. They never got to the stage of tuning up cars and so forth."

But a growing wood shop program is taking up some of the slack and providing some positive vocational training, he said, offering cabinetmaking and construction experience to students.

Junior Raiders: strong finish



Congratulations to the West Sacramento Jr. Raiders tackle football teams who both made it to the championship game this past Saturday. Unfortunately, both the Jr. Raiders Pee Wees and the Jr. Raiders Midgets fell short to the Solano Warriors and had to settle for a well-earned second place.

The Pee Wee team's record was 6-4 for the season and the Midgets were an impressive 9-1.

Pictured above in alphabetical order are the Pee Wees (7-9 year olds): Devan Alvarez, Anthony Bailly Jr., Kevin Burkes, Theodore "Teddy" Burkett, Anthony Calderon, Xavier Calderon, Uriah Clark, Ouinn Connolly, Robert Cortez, Marcus Delapena, Austin Hart, William Lara, Juan Lazcano, Dylan Lentini, Eric Macsul, Dakota McAmoil, Tucker McAmoil, David McKeever, Marco Molina, Michael Pulido, Jackson Rhinehart, Brian Rinetti, Daniel Sevilla, Jordan Sevilla, Jamal Smith, Logan Snyder, Austin Stewart, Carson Trotter, Aaron Tyson, Antonio Villasenor & Noah Zito.

And the Midgets (12-14 year olds): Kevin Amegin, Anthony Bracy, Joey Brown Jr., Anthony Burkett, Adam Casteel, Tristan Coleman, Caleb Connolly, Angel Diaz, Isaiah Dixon, Perry Eastham, Max Jablonsky, Eric Johnson, Lonnie Lee, David Magdelano, Adam Martinez, Anthony Martinez, Carlos Martino-Dalby, Matt Massman, Raymond Mata, Dillon McAmoil, Marcus McDaniel, David Megarry, Anthony Miranda, Nico Molina, Roland Morales, Kenneth Rogers, Marcus Santos, Jacob Stewart and Gavino Valdez.

Anyone interested in youth tackle football and cheerleading can call 544-0677 or visit www.westsacjrraiders.com.

Ahead in local government:

Economic development, port land plans & more

The West Sacramento City Council will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Among the many agenda items:

Update on Lower Northwest Interceptor; honoring of Carol King for service on the planning commission and Mark Montemayor for service on the city council; construction with advertising of a firehouse at Station 42; downtown development strategy; recommendations on the city's new economic development strategy; discussion of non-conforming uses between the Pioneer (freeway) bridge and barge canal; discussion of how to fill an expected vacancy on the city council; and other items.

The Washington Unified School District's board of trustees will meet in public session at 7 p.m. Thursday at 930 Westacre Road.

Among the many agenda items:

Contract with Boyer Associates for "coaching and evaluation services" at Elkhorn Elementary; evaluation agreement for Even Start Family Literacy Program; Child Nutrition Program Update; disclosure of collective bargaining agreement; update on new high school; and architectural services agreement with DLR for new high school.

The board also plans resolutions to thank several outgoing board members for service. Irene Eklund (17 years on the board) and Karl Machschefes (four years service) failed to win re-election this month, and Pat Flint (13 years) chose not to seek re-election.

A special public workshop to help brainstorm ideas for acreage owned by the Port of Sacramento in West Sacramento is planned for 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18, at the civic center.

The consultant, Parsons Brinckerhoff, and the cities and counties that oversee the port will sponsor the land use workshop. The public is invited to participate in it. Please confirm your attendance by calling Nanette Cordell, West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency, at 617-4535.

The City of West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency will hold a "scoping meeting" to determine the extend of an environmental study for the proposed relocation of a cement-handling facility from the riverfront area to 1890 Parkway Blvd., near the Port of Sacramento and north of the ship canal.

RMC Pacific Materials plans to move to the site of the former California Woodfiber facility, vacating its current site at 1501 South River Road and allowing the closure of several rail spurs that hinder planned redevelopment of the city's downtown waterfront area.

The new site would handle material including Portland cement and fly ash, and would include a cement terminal, aggregate terminal and ready-mix concrete batch plant. On site would be conveyors and a 120-foot, 60,000 ton storage dome, and piles of aggregate up to 50 feet high.

The scoping meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 29, at 5:30 p.m. at the civic center in West Sacramento.

Shifting the mandatory 'affordable' housing

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A south-area developer is asking for the city's permission to move 72 "moderate and low income" affordable housing units out of a Bridgeway Lakes subdivision. But since the units would be moved to a neighboring project owned by the same developer, said the city's planning director, the change wouldn't really violate the city's policy of including affordable housing within each new neighborhood.

"It's certainly somewhat of a modification (to the policy)," said Steve Patek, West Sacramento Community Development Director. "It defends on how you define the project. The same developer owns the project to the south (where the affordable housing would go), and that is where the higher densities are planned, so it makes sense from a density standpoint. It's not moving the housing out of the 'village.'"

The developer, ASB Southport II, hopes to get planning commission approval December 2 for a development agreement that would grant approval for the off-site affordable housing.

Also on the December 2 agenda at the civic center is the consideration and adoption of design guidelines for Riverfront Marketplace near Reed and I-80.

Rembering Mikey

My Back Pages

By Daryl Fisher

He was eventually named Mikey, but at first my daughter simply called him her pound puppy.

When my youngest son, who was about seven years old at the time, insisted that we ask one of the attendants to unlock Mikey's cage so we could take a closer look at him, I tried to talk him out of it. Then my daughter pointed out the date on a little card attached to the wire, which stated that all the dogs in that particular cage would be put to sleep the very next day.

Once outside his pound cage, the little buff-colored Cocker Spaniel-mix seemed as depressed and lethargic as he had been inside it and it became even more obvious that his long hair was all dirty and matted and that he was also covered with fleas.

The attendant said, "I know he looks pretty bad, but I think he would make some family a great pet if just given the chance. He's not even a year old yet and a dog this size who is treated right can live to be 15 or 16."

Upon further inspection, Mikey turned out to have a very congested cough, ear and eye infections, and couldn't seem to stop passing this really foul-smelling gas. Something about the black and pink color of his tongue also had the attendant convinced that Mikey had once had a bad case of Parvovirus. But on the plus side he easily passed the little test they give pound dogs for aggressive behavior where they put them on their back, mess with their stomach, and squeeze the life out of their paws. So, from the very first day, one of Mikey's most endearing qualities, that he simply did not have a mean bone in his body, was easy to see.

Once home, it took months and countless visits to the veterinarian before he began acting like a normal dog. But other than a fairly serious irregular heartbeat that he would have all his life, all of Mikey's other ailments began to fade away one by one.

It was obvious that Mikey's first year of life had been a difficult one and my kids were always speculating on how he had ended up in the pound. Had he run away from home? Did someone drop him off because they were tired of him? Did he have brothers and sisters as cute as him? Had he been on the streets for any significant amount of time before he ended up in the pound? How could anyone not want a dog as sweet as Mikey? What was his real name and birthday? But since no one at the pound had any of the answers to our questions, Mikey's first year or so on this earth would always remain a mystery to us.

Once he started to feel better, Mikey quickly began his life's work -- raising my four children. When one of them wasn't feeling well, he was always within petting reach. When one of them was bored, he would volunteer to play endlessly with him or her. When one of them was sad or worried or confused or upset he was there to befriend them -- and to always love them unconditionally.

'MIKEY'

And so it went for over a decade, Mikey just being Mikey, and our growing family was so much better off because of it. And like most Cocker Spaniels he also decided early on to attach himself a little more to one person in his family -- in this case me -- although I never really quite understood why. Someone told me it was simply because I was the one in charge of feeding him and was also the biggest member of the family when he arrived, and that has always made pretty good sense to me. Anyway, from the very first days, wherever I went, Mikey went. Wherever I slept, Mikey slept. I even had to learn a whole new way to walk when I was around him because he would find a way to always be right under foot. And I also had to learn to accept the fact that when I went to the bathroom, Mikey apparently thought I might be flushed away for good, so he always waited patiently right outside the door until I appeared again.

Then about two years ago Mikey (and this apparently happens to many Cocker Spaniels because their long ear flaps simply don't allow for much air circulation) began having serious ear infections which made him constantly shake his head in a vain effort to get the fluids out of his ears. Antibiotics and medicated ear flushes would work for awhile, but the infections always came back. And then this last year tumors began to appear along with a very foul smell that even twice-daily cleanings couldn't bring under control.

After talking to a number of veterinarians I learned that Mikey's only hope was extensive ear surgery that would leave him deaf, if in fact his very bad 13-year old heart could stand the complicated procedure. So earlier this week, after having endlessly weighed all the options, I decided the time had finally come to put Mikey to sleep. My children, although scattered to the wind now, were all advised and able to say a last goodbye. Then it was time to call the veterinarian and spend a sleepless night waiting for Mikey's 10 a.m. appointment to finally arrive.

My brother went with me, knowing that I would probably turn around and come back with Mikey still very much alive if I wasn't properly supervised. Then it was time to walk into the veterinary office, with Mikey bravely shuffling right along next to me. A very nice receptionist took some money from me (I can't even remember how much it was now) and led me, Mikey and my brother into a brightly lit room. Mikey, who always loves an adventure, had no problem with me putting him up on the little stainless steel table. He even seemed to thoroughly enjoy the lengthy physical examination the gentle and understanding veterinarian gave him, which thankfully confirmed that the decision I had so reluctantly reached was the correct one.

Then came the first shot, to relax Mikey and make him sleepy. And after holding him in my lap for five minutes or so he became totally calm and his breathing slowed. That is when the vet returned with the final shot. With a very sweet nurse holding Mikey and with my brother and I talking to him and petting him, the vet shaved one of Mikey's front legs. Then, with his hearing already so bad from years of ear infections that I knew he could no longer really hear my voice unless I yelled, and with his eyes no longer able to focus because of the first shot, I knew I simply had to get out of that room before I saw the life go completely out of him. And after it was all over, I kept asking myself how long it will take before I have fully rationalized and learned to live with making the final decision to take away the life of someone who would have never believed I could do such a thing to him?

And so here I am, a few hours after returning home only with Mikey's collar and leash, knowing that it's either try to write down what just happened, or go sit in a corner someplace and cry, and us guys aren't supposed to do the latter.

But what do you say about a beloved animal that enriched your life and the life of your family for more than a decade? How do you properly express your gratitude for all the fun and joy he brought into the lives he touched? Especially when instead of lap petting and tasty treats and his nightly walk, all you have to give him now are words.

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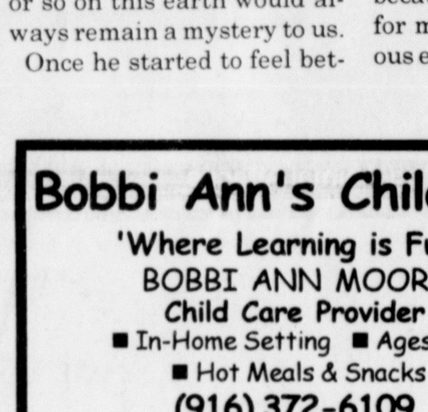
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Obituaries

Jack M. Baker Jr.

Born April 2, 1948, Jack Baker passed away on November 8, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Cathy Turner Baker; his daughter, Jennie; his sons, Jamie, Jay and Jack 'Christopher'; his granddaughters, 'Little' Jamie and Danielle; and a large and loving family, including his sister, Dustie Harris (Norman).

For over 20 years, Jack worked as a general contractor under the name of JMB Construction. He will be remembered for his volunteer service in the community, as well as his superior craftsmanship and ability to fix just about anything. He was a member of the Family Service Agency's Family of the Year and was named the Unsung Hero by the Community Services Planning Council.

Friends and family are asked to join in a celebration of Jack's life on November 21, 2004 at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace School, 1900 Linden Road in West Sacramento. Memorial donations may be made to the school in Jack's name.

Gracie I. Cox

Gracie Cox passed away in Sacramento on November 14, 2004 at the age of 90. She was the beloved wife of the late Aaron Cox; the loving mother of David (Susan) Cox of West

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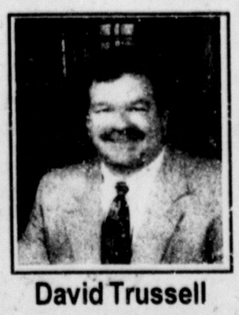
'The rest of the story'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WHAT IS "NEGATIVE AMORTIZATION"?

Many consumers are surprised and confused when they see advertising that offers super low (sometimes 1.25% or lower) mortgage loans. "Many people don't understand the quoted low rate is often not the interest rate. Rather, it's what is called a "minimum pay rate' for a loan," said a spokesman for the Association of Mortgage Brokers. "This loan works because the lender artificially holds the payment fixed at 1.25% or lower pay rate for a year, while the actual interest rate often changes every month, every three months or every six months, depending on the program the borrower chooses."

The concept is to provide the customer with great payment flexibility. However, borrowers don't usually know that if they pay the minimum payment only, and if this payment does not cover the interest only portion due for that period, the lender adds the difference to their outstanding principal balance. Therefore, it's entirely possible, particularly in times of increasing interest rates, a borrower can end up owing more than they originally borrowed. This increasing principal amount is called "negative amortization."

It should also be noted that some of the currently offered "alternative loans" limit borrowers' options for second mortgages, and many loan programs of this type have prepayment penalties. These factors can pose a problem for some consumers. There are different types of "Negative, and potential Negative Amortization loans". I will be happy to discuss any of your concerns with optional ARM loans. Feel free to call me anytime.

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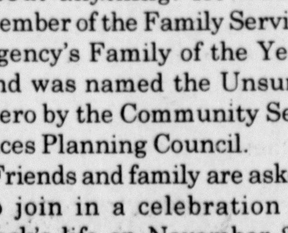
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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

The major league baseball general managers are in winter trading meetings this week as teams prepare to invest in their 2005 season. Also, Mr. Bonds knocked down his fourth consecutive MVP award and his seventh overall. On a sad note the New York Boxing Commission placed Evander Holyfield on indefinite medical suspension after losing his seventh fight in nine bouts. He's become a human punching bag and it's time for the once great boxing champion to retire!

Major League Baseball

Barry Bonds batted .362 with 45 home runs and 101 runs batted in 2004 but the most interesting statistic the All-Star slugger accomplished was he had only 135 hits compared to the 232 free passes he received from is opponents. He had only 373 official at bats in 2004 but in 2001, the year he hit 73 HR's, he was walked 177 times.

The Giants were one of the first teams to make a move on big time free agents by signing 37-year old shortstop, Omar Vizquel to a 3 year $12 million deal. The switch-hitting nine-time gold glove winner will improve the G-Men's defensive up the middle and bring
some pop to the batting order.

Week 11 in the NFL

The Oakland Raiders (3-6) had a week off to heel the walking wounded and rally the troops for the rematch against the division leading San Diego Chargers (6-3). The bad news is the Chargers are also coming off their bye week. This game will probably be blacked out.

The 49ers (1-8) could have used another bye week after blowing a 17-point lead against the Carolina Panthers (2-7). Niners quarterback, Tim Rattay had five turnovers including a fumble and two interceptions in the fourth quarter. The Panthers rallied to win by shutting down running back Kevan Barlow and exploiting the weak 49ers secondary.

The 49ers continue to work towards that No. 1 draft pick when they travel to Tampa Bay (3-6) on Sunday (10 a.m.-FOX).

Last week I was 2-2 with my weekly picks losing with the 49ers and Norte Dame. This week in college Utah (-21) will make a move a the BCS ratings with a big win over La Tech and in the NFL the Seahawks (-9) will feast on the Fish while Vikings (-7) jump back in the North Division title race with a win over the Lions. On Monday the Chiefs (+7) have a make or brake game home game against New England.

Kings Korner

The Kings returned to the Arco arena just in time to right the ship and win two games in row and improve their season record to 2-3. The Kings will enjoy nice long home stand that will bring Chicago, Memphis, Milwaukee and the Houston Rockets to Sacramento.

Great news for West Sacramento Kings fans! Direct TV and the Dish Network signed agreement with Comcast Cable to broadcast the remaining 48 Kings games that are not shown on TNT, ESPN, TBS or Channel 10 bringing the total Kings game to local fans to 77 games. The Kings games will be part of Comcast Sports Net West 24 hour regional sports package that will be shown on Direct TV Total choice package (ch.656) and Dish's Top 60 (ch.409) at no additional charge. West Sac's Charter Cable Company has not come to an agreement with Comcast to broadcast NetWest.

Tickets are still available for $30 to the Kings and Houston Rockets game on November 23rd game. If you're interested in purchasing a small group of tickets for his fundraising event please call 372-7332 or 501-5075.

See ya next week!

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Sacramento; the devoted grandmother of Jennifer & Joshua Cox; and the loving sister of Hazel Smith, Ruth Potter, Gene Wilson, Betty Hughes, Joan Martin & Cyldonna Wilson. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and was preceded in death by her sister, Elva Prosser, brother, Buddy Wilson, half sister, Eva Tonn, & half brother, Oren Wilson. She was a native of Springfield, Missouri and a 62 year resident of East Yolo.

Private graveside services were held at East Lawn Cemetery in Sacramento. Memorials are preferred to the Yolo Hospice. Arrangements were handled by River Cities Funeral Chapel of West Sacramento.

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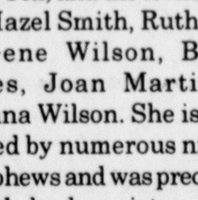

1. Name the only two hitters to win baseball's Triple Crown twice.
2. Who served up Hank Aaron's first major-league home run?
3. Who were the two starting quarterbacks in Super Bowl XVII (Miami vs. Washington)?
4. Tracy McGrady is the second-youngest player to notch 10,000 career NBA points. Who is the youngest?
5. How many teams did Grant Fuhr play for during his NHL career?
6. Greece won 16 medals in the 2004 Summer Olympics. When was the last time the country won as many medals?
7. Tiger Woods is the fastest player to win 40 PGA Tour titles (in 149 events). Who was second-fastest?

Please see answers P. 11

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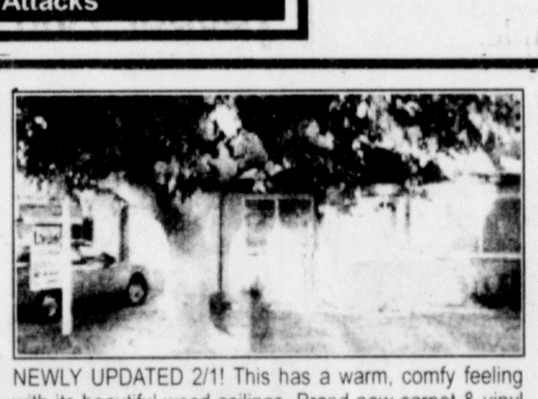

NEWLY UPDATED 2/1! This has a warm, comfy feeling with its beautiful wood ceilings. Brand new carpet & vinyl flooring, new interior texture & paint, dual pane windows, updated bathroom. 1-car garage extended for workshop/ laundry. Huge backyard. $247,500. Janet, 916-712-9197.

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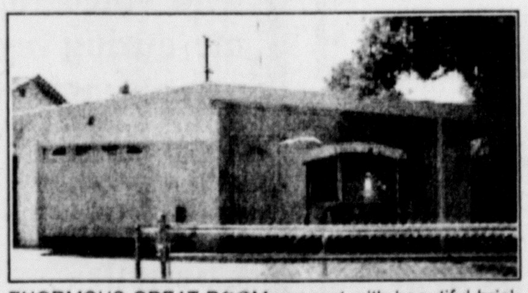

ENORMOUS GREAT ROOM concept with beautiful brick fireplace is focus of this spacious home on corner lot with large yard & RV access! Brand new garage door, freshly painted exterior, fenced yard. Lots of curb appeal. Better hurry! 700 Julian Dr., $264,900. Perry & Jina: 425-1270.

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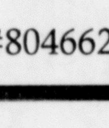
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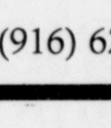
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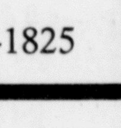
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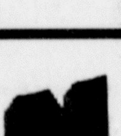
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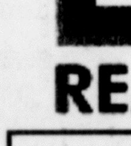
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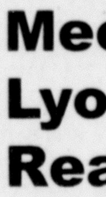
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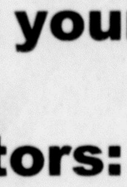
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CORNER LOT with lots of curb appeal! Open & spacious great-room floor plan highlight this lovely Forecast home. Lovely portico entry, great room with fireplace, oak & tile kitchen, formal dining room, large bedrooms & lots of closet space. Create your own look to unfinished backyard. $409,500, 3100 Middle Bass Rd. Call Jina & Perry, (916) 425-1270.

PENDING: BEAUTIFUL Gateway Ryder home! Charming, quiet tree-lined street. Near park, only 5 minutes from downtown Sacramento. Anderson French doors, grand tiled entry, archways, stylish rounded corners, tranquil backyard. $387,500. 1630 Headslane. Call Victoria, (916) 955-4044.

$400k for area's homeless services

From the County of Yolo

Four Yolo County homeless services agencies were recently awarded Federal Emergency Shelter Grant Program (FESG) funds in the amount of $432,616 to help support the area's homeless service providers. The award will stabilize programs that have been impacted by reductions to other state and federal funding streams and allow the awarded agencies to maintain current levels of service.

"To receive this Federal money this year to provide services essential to assisting homeless people to become sufficient is just terrific, since we struggle so much in so many ways with these programs," said Supervisor Helen Thomson, Vice Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

For Yolo Wayfarer Center in

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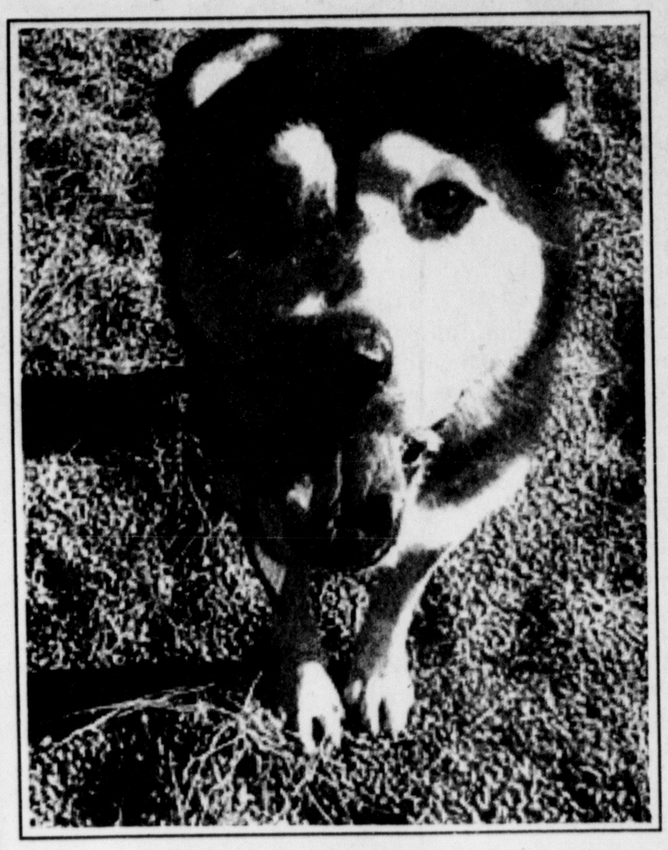
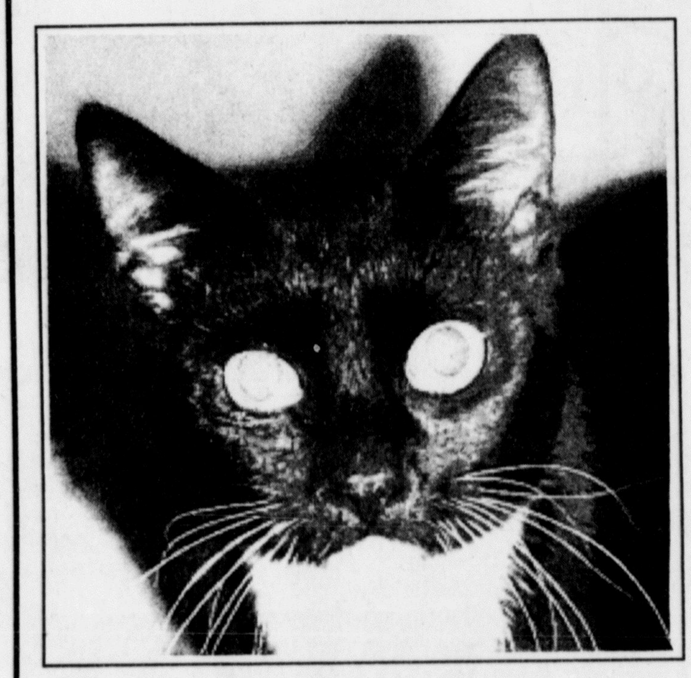
Pet of the week



"Tweety" is a spayed female Siberian husky mix, eight years old. She is a "gentle sweetheart."



"Teddy" is a male tuxedo, ten months old, who is outgoing and friendly.

Both animals – as well as a host of other potential roommates -- are available for adoption at the Yolo County Animal Services shelter, 2640 East Gibson Rd. in Woodland. For the shelter's hours or other information, call (530) 668-5287.

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In bringing up children, spend on them half as much money and twice as much time.

—Author Unknown

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NOTICE OF HEARING
December 2, 2004

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, December 2, 2004, at West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.

Item #1 CONSENT AGENDA
None at this time
REGULAR AGENDA

Item #2 Public Hearing on Ybarra/Shimada Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map – This application requests a vesting tentative subdivision map for eighteen parcels. The property is located on the north side of Marshall Road approximately 450 feet east of Seymour Avenue. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Guidelines. The property is zoned RE (Rural Estate). APPLICANT: Reynen and Bardis Development LLC, 9498 Business Park Drive, Suite H, Sacramento, CA 95827. OWNER: George N. Vassilopoulous, Christine Alexander, and Mary Papas, C/O 4211 47th Street, Sacramento, CA 95820 (CH/SR).

Item #3 – Public Hearing on Hammon/Hernandez Conditional Use Permit (04-12)
The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 1,404 square-foot single-family home in the multifamily zone. The property is located at 621 North Harbor Boulevard (APN 014-031094) and is zoned R-3 (Multiple Family Residential). The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects) of the CEQA Guidelines. The Planning Commission will take final action on this project unless appealed to the City Council. OWNER: Hammon/Hernandez Family, 621 North Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691. APPLICANT: D.R. Technicians, 509 S. Stockton Street, Lodi, CA 95240. (JB)

Item #4 Public Hearing and Recommended Approval of Ordinance 04-21 Recommending Approval of the Bridgeway Lakes Two Development Agreement To the West Sacramento City Council (DA 04-01)
The application seeks a development agreement to relocate the seventy two moderate and low income affordable housing obligation of Bridgeway Lakes II to an off-site location south of the Bridgeway Lakes II project. The Bridgeway Lakes II project was approved by the City Council on March 3, 2004. An addendum to the previously certified Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared on this project. APPLICANT: ASB Southport II, LLC, 1107 Kentucky Street, Fairfield, Ca. 94533. OWNERS: Bridgeway Lakes Lot Development, LLC, 1544 Eureka Road, Suite 150, Roseville, CA 95661.

Item #5 Consideration and Adoption of Riverpoint Marketplace Design Guidelines –
This item implements a condition of the recently amended PD (Planned Development) 45 development guidelines. That condition provided that design guidelines for Riverpoint Marketplace be approved prior to the approval of the second building permit at the center. The draft guidelines developed by the Riverpoint and City staff address the center architecture and specific design areas for the eighty plus acre Riverpoint Marketplace are presented for consideration and adoption by the Planning Commission. Individual buildings will be reviewed by the City's Design Administrator consistent with the City's Design Review process for Riverpoint. APPLICANT/OWNER: Ranbo Riverpoint LLC, 1340 Harbor Boulevard, West Sacramento, Ca. 95691 (SR).

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DETERMINE THE SCOPE OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED RMC PACIFIC MATERIALS PROJECT

The City of West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency will hold a scoping meeting for the proposed RMC Pacific Materials Project (Proposed Project) pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15082. The purpose of the scoping meeting is to solicit input from agencies, organizations and individuals to assist the lead agency in determining the scope and content of the EIR.

The City of West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency is the lead agency for the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Proposed Project. RMC Pacific Materials ("RMC") will construct a new facility at 1890 Parkway Boulevard (formerly the California Woodfiber property) in the City of West Sacramento, Yolo County. The property is currently zoned Water Related Industrial (M-3). The project site is bounded on the south side by the Port of Sacramento Deep Water Channel, on the west by a warehouse and shipping yard operated by Fleming Foods, on the north by a Union Pacific rail line, and on the east by undeveloped public open space land bordering the Port of Sacramento. The Draft EIR is being prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Proposed Project would include a cement terminal, an aggregate terminal, and a ready mix concrete batch plant. The cement terminal would handle several types of material – at least two types of Portland cement, and two types of fly ash (a byproduct of coal fired power plants used as a replacement for cement in ready mix concrete). These materials would be imported via ship and rail and transferred by conveyors to a 120-foot high, 60,000-ton storage dome. From the storage dome, material would be transferred to bulk storage loadout silos supplying a truck loading facility, and to a rail receiving shed where railroad cars would be loaded. The aggregate terminal would provide for the import and distribution of rock, sand and gravel. Aggregate materials would be delivered to the site by ship and rail. Aggregate materials would be transferred from ships and rail cars by conveyors and stored on-site in piles up to 50 feet in height. These materials would then be loaded into trucks or rail cars for distribution. The batch plant would receive cement and aggregates from the terminals to produce concrete on-site that would then be delivered to area customers by truck.

Transportation facilities would consist of a new rail car loading facility and ship dock. In order to utilize rail service, four rail lines would be developed on the project site. These rail lines would extend from the existing Union Pacific rail line directly north of the project site. As part of the project, a rail turnaround would be constructed on Union Pacific property to allow for the extension of rail lines to the project site. In order to access cargo ships plying the Deep Water Ship Channel, a ship dock and unloading system would be developed as part of the Proposed Project.

If the Proposed Project is approved and constructed, RMC Pacific would move its operations from its existing cement rail terminal located at 1501 South River Road to the project site. The City of West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency would participate in RMC's relocation and expansion by acquiring the land and transferring that land for consideration to RMC pursuant to a Disposition and Development Agreement or similar mechanism. The Draft EIR will evaluate the potential physical environmental impacts of RMC's construction and operation of the Proposed Project, including relocation from the existing site and the demolition of all structures on RMC's existing cement rail terminal located at 1501 South River Road. Additionally, the Proposed Project includes the acquisition of easements, use agreements, assignment and/or other documents to provide non-exclusive access over the riverfront parcel adjacent to 1501 South River Road owned by California State Lands Commission (SLC) and leased to RMC.

The scoping meeting will be held at the West Sacramento Civic Center Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 on Monday November 29th from 5:30 to 8:00 or until the last speaker is heard.

The comment period for the Proposed Project will extend through the conclusion of the comment meeting on November 29th. Please provide all comments concerning the Proposed Project to the following address by 8:00 p.m. on Monday, November 29, 2004:

City of West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency
C/o: David Tilley/Senior Planner
1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor
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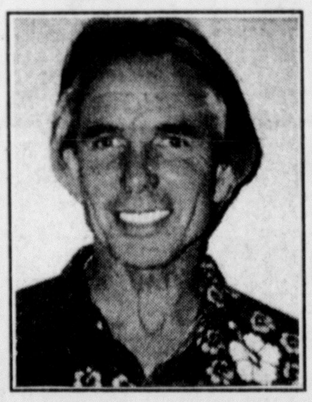

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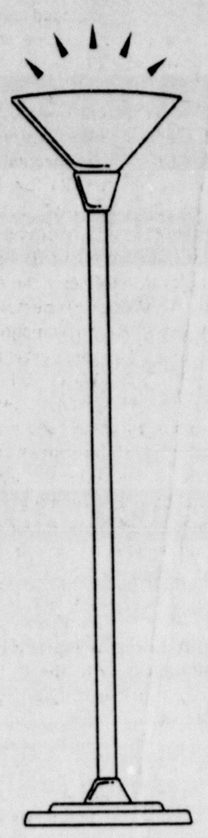
West Sacramento Nugget Market – 2000 Town Center Plaza



A FREE event for Yolo County residents with an electric utility account to exchange a used *but in working condition*, halogen Torchiere lamp for a new, three-way, compact fluorescent Torchiere lamp. One lamp per household (Color choices include black or white), *while supplies last.*

WHERE: West Sacramento Nugget Market located at 2000 Town Center Plaza (on the Southwest corner of Jefferson and Lake Washington Boulevard)

WHY: Halogen Torchiere lamps consume high amounts of electricity (usually over 400 watts) and are dangerous because of the extremely high temperature of the bulb. The modern fluorescent torchiere lamps consume only 65watts and produce light equivalent to 200 watts.

HOW: Yolo County residents may bring an old (yet working) halogen Torchiere lamp to the exchange event on Saturday November 20th starting at 10am. The lamps should not be in packaging of any sort and will be dismantled and recycled by YEEP Staff. *One new lamp per household during the YEEP program.*

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If you have never been hated by your child you have never been a parent.
—Bette Davis

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Parents often talk about the younger generation as if they didn't have anything to do with it.
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Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you.
—Robert Fulghum

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News-Ledger Directory *of* Local Places *of* Worship

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Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. including children's programs.	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. (near Todhunter) Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5 p.m. (English) Sunday 9 (English) Noon & 7 p.m. (Spanish) Mon 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish), Fri. 8:30 a.m. Call 371-1211	**First Southern Baptist Church** Rev. Gregory W. Kirk Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 11am Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111
SouthPort Community Church Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service. Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. 2568 Industrial Blvd. 372-7818 www.southportcommunity.com	**WestSide Covenant Church** Worship Services at Collings Teen Center 1541 Merkley Ave. Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. www.westsidecov.org 371-3933	**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church** 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Weekdays 7 a.m. No Mass on Thursday
Center for Spiritual Awareness 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 374-9177 Sun. services 8:30, 10 & 11 am Meditation room opens 30 minutes prior to services. Praise & worship 15 min. prior Junior church for all ages at 10 am & 11:45 am	**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** 2667 Linden Road Bishop Ray Jackson, (916) 372-1113 Sunday Meeting Times: Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m. PUBLIC WELCOME!	**New Discovery Christian Church** Meets at Southport Elementary School 2747 Linden Road at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Green (916) 600-3784

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Woodland, this funding provided increased support for four additional family transitional units. Judy Powell, family program director, said, "More than 50 families per year, including 70-80 children, are currently provided shelter by the program. The new units will help reduce the additional waiting list of 17 families still in need of shelter."

Leona Jull, the executive director at Wayfarer and chair of the Yolo County Homeless Coalition, stated, "We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the community in this capacity but couldn't do it without funding from programs like FESG. It makes food and shelter available in each of the communities of Yolo County that provide services to the 899 homeless counted during the 2003 homeless survey."

The Federal Emergency Shelter Grant Program funds emergency shelters, services and transitional housing for homeless individuals and families. FESG awards in Yolo County include: $64,320 for Broderick Christian Center in West Sacramento; $55,377 for Davis Community Meals in Davis; $60,000 for Yolo Community Care Continuum; and $252,919 for Woodland's Yolo Wayfarer Center.

All agencies receiving funds participate in the Yolo County Homeless Coalition. The Coalition provides leadership on homelessness in Yolo County and strives to address the needs of homeless and low-income individuals and families through a collaborative approach to funding and service delivery. Coalition members and partners include nonprofit service providers and local governments. A primary responsibility of the Coalition is the annual Continuum of Care process, which identifies gaps in services through a series of community meetings and a Homeless Summit.

At this year's Summit held on March 31, 2004, the community prioritized the need for more emergency shelter beds; very low-cost housing; supportive living opportunities; and a crisis support service and referral system to address multiple issues such as homeless prevention, mental health, and substance abuse treatment. For more information about Coalition activities, contact the Wayfarer Center in Woodland at (530) 661-1218.

Design award

The "Parks at Southport," which is currently in the West Sacramento planning review process, recently won the American Institute of Architects, Central Valley Chapter Citation Award for its design.

"The Parks at Southport creates walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods that blends into and takes advantage of its river access with Main Street ending in a river front park," said the three-member jury of national architectural leaders which gave out the award. "We were impressed with how it weaves the mixed uses and densities together into a rich fabric of different building types, street types and park types."

The 279-acre "Parks at Southport" project would bring 2100 new housing units, plus retail shopping, parks and recreational development to the area between Jefferson Blvd. and the deep-water channel.

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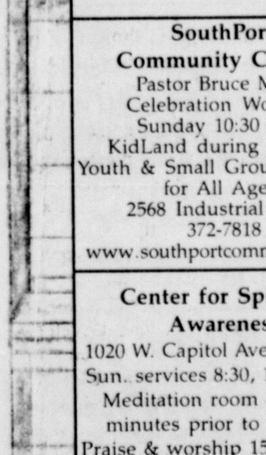

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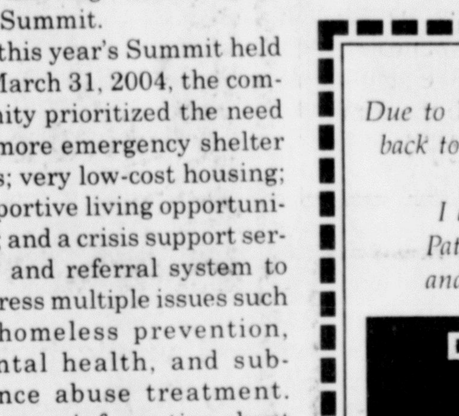

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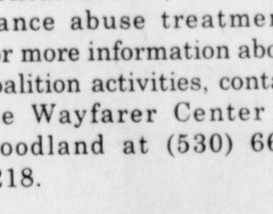

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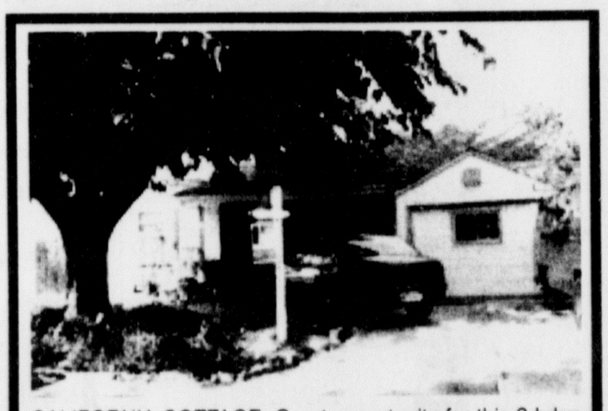

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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Just for the asking?

Sometimes there is a disconnect between a problem and a solution. Somebody needs something. Somebody else has it. But a lack of communication prevents the solution from finding its way to the problem.

This week's chat with the local high school principal reminded the News-Ledger of this phenomenon. The high school, in a year of budget cuts, has had to roll back some programs. Among them were a journalism class and the school's auto shop program. At many schools, these are popular and fill a valuable function.

It's hard to believe that there isn't help available out there, both for these classes and for other needs at the high school. The News-Ledger has donated the printing of the high school newspaper and would do so again. One wonders if there is an experienced retired journalist out there who could be qualified to act as an advisor for a high school club, or a high school class, to once again begin putting out a school newspaper. The experience would be valuable to the students. They can learn to interview, to analyze information and to write clearly – all of which are valuable skills in many professions.

It seems even more likely that there is someone out there with the means to help put together an auto shop class for the school. In this city with its plethora of transportation companies and light industry, surely the both the means and the knowledge are available from some donors and some volunteers to make this happen. They just need to get the word.

That's just a start.

The high school has other needs. Other local schools have different needs. And various nonprofit groups in town could use other kinds of help – the donations of things such as older model computers, used furniture, winter coats or a little of your time. The trick is getting the word out, and giving people the chance to say "yes."

Let's start that process right here: if your school or nonprofit needs something, drop a brief "letter to the editor" to the News-Ledger with details and your contact information. In a sentence or two, explain how the donation of materials or time will do good.

Because you never know until you ask.

Letters to the Editor

New high school site should be changed

Regarding the article about the school board election in the November 10 issue of the News-Ledger:

Perhaps some people were swayed by "big money", but my decision to vote against all of the incumbents was made when it appeared probable that the board was determined to build the new high school at the corner of Linden Road and Jefferson Boulevard.

I agree with Mr. and Mrs. King (see their letter in the November 10th issue) that the school board should give more serious consideration to the port area or continue the search for another property which will provide a safer location for the students.

The Southport area will be greatly impacted and most likely adversely affected by the proposed new high school site; not only will the traffic increase greatly but in turn so will the accident rate.

Approximately ten years ago another school bond issue was proposed. As I recall, the Jefferson/Linden location was actually detailed in the bond issue. It was defeated. The difference? The location was not part of the current bond issue. We did not have a shopping center at that time, nor did we have all the new homes.

Perhaps the new school board will seek other locations.

NANCY GILL
West Sacramento

Disappointed in election

I was disappointed with the outcome of the 2004 presidential election and Democrats should consider the following steps for future elections: Follow the example of our present governor and the late Ronald Reagan, since actors-turned governors tend to draw more votes across party lines and governors win the presidency more often than all other candidates; Dramatically reduce repeat requests for donations per month; Work to reverse "off shoring" of corporate headquarters and "outsourcing" (causing jobs to go overseas). If big businesses don't want to pay their fair share of taxes, let them do business elsewhere.

The Ken Lay/Enron multi-billion dollar energy rip-off of California in 2001 was hardly noted in the election. Watch the indicted Mr. Lay get pardoned by President Bush.

Finally, it looks like our state is returning to June primaries for less costly, shorter campaigns...then Californians' presidential votes will matter only in closer races, right? Why not have September primaries for president, etc.? And let's hope we can tone down future elections, too.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

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/s/Joseph R. Chand

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
PT04-1774
Filed Nov 2, 2004

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Brenda Carol Brocker filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: Brenda Carol Brocker

Proposed name: Brenda Carole Cole

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

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This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 28, 2004.

/s/Margarita Berezenko
/s/Vasiliy Berezenko

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Oct. 28, 2004
by: /s/Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of SAVANNAH HORVATH, Minor.
NO. JV-04-00276
CITATION

TO: All Persons Claiming to be the Father.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on January 18, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Tammy Fernandes on June 30, 2004. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 10-28-04
DORIS L. SHOCKLEY
JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct 15, 2004
File No. 2004-1028

The following person is doing business as Heritage Oaks Apartments; Heritage Oaks, 186 Muir Street, Woodland CA 95695:

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/s/Cristina Agra-Hughes, Vice President

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Children are a great comfort in your old age—and they help you reach it faster, too.
—Lionel Kauffman

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on December 1, 2004 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

Resolution 04-105 amending the General Plan to change the land use designa-tion from Office (O) and Highway Service Commercial (HSC) to Business Park (BP) and Highway Service commercial (HSC), and Ordinance 04-20 changing the Zoning Map from Commerical Highway (CH), Professional Office (PO), and Planned Development 15)PD-15) to Business Park (BP) and Commerical High-way (CH), in the 46.8 acre PD-15 Overlay Zone, generall rounded by Harbor Boulevard, US Highway 50 and Beacon Street.

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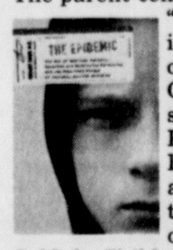
Books Worth Reading

Stop The Epidemic

Kids Need More Lap Time And Less Laptop Time

(NAPS)—If you just got home from shopping with a screaming kid in tow, or are tired of seeing children who are joyless and sulking, you may be encouraged by the arrival of a book being hailed as a wake-up call to parents. The parent-centered book,



"The Epidemic: The Rot of American Culture, Absentee and Permissive Parenting, and the Resultant Plague of Joyless, Selfish Children" (Regan Books, 14.95) by Robert Shaw, M.D., offers suggestions on how to reverse these trends and delivers them reasonably and persuasively, with the passion of a man who has seen it all and can't take any more.

As Seen On Fox News

Dr. Shaw asserts that sullen children who treat their parents with rudeness and contempt are the direct results of parents following the child-centered—and ultimately counterproductive—child-rearing advice that is so widespread today. He points out that "The joy of life...the real joy comes from being able to love people."

"The Epidemic" is a wake-up call to parents and anyone else who wants to promote the well-being of children. Dr. Shaw sifts through mountains of evidence and tells readers what's truly good—and really bad—for kids.

"Refreshingly parent-centered advice...old-fashioned common sense."—USA Today

PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

R.F.D.'s COUNTRY RULES
A Guide To The Do's And Don'ts Of Rural Living...
IF YOU'RE ONE OF THE LUCKY HUNTERS WHO GOT THEIR DEER, DON'T GO AROUND BRAGGIN' ABOUT IT!
BUT IF SOMEONE ASKS...
SO THERE I WAS, THREE MILES IN, OUTTA WATER, BEIN' EATEN ALIVE BY A LATE HATCH OF MOSQUITOES...
NICE GOIN', WALTER! NOW WE'RE GONNA BE HERE FOR AN HOUR!!
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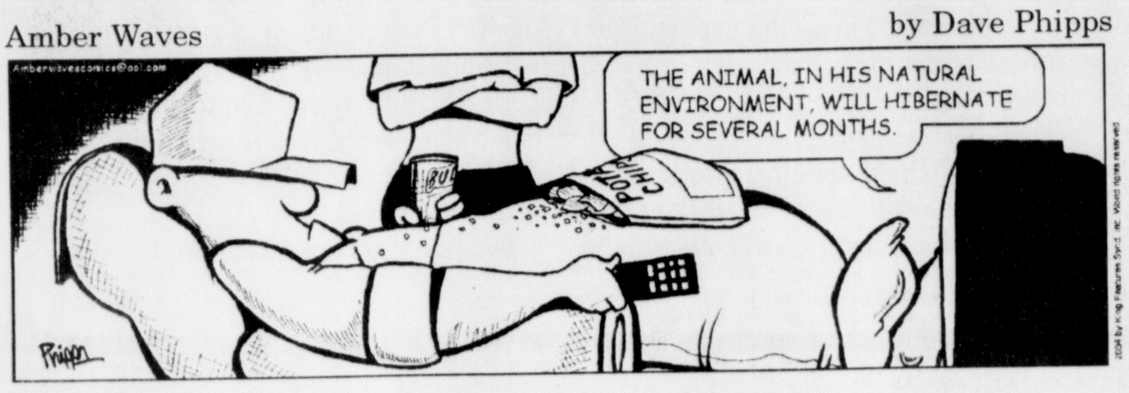
Amber Waves by Dave Phipps



Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

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NEIL DISCOVERS THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A RAISIN.

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

I'VE BEEN DEPRESSED EVER SINCE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.
BECAUSE YOUR CANDIDATE LOST?
NO, EVEN WORSE, MY CANDIDATE ACTUALLY WON.
PICKERING

POPEYE
Hy EISMAN
POPEYE, SUM'THIN'S WRONG WITH CHESTER!
WOT MAKES YA THINK SO?
HE AIN'T EATIN' HIS GRUB...
?
SEE WOT I MEAN...HE AIN'T TOUCHED HIS CHOW!
CHESTER
MAYBE WE HAS TA TAKE HIM TA THE VET...
I DON'T NEED A VET...
I JUST NEED A REAL DOG MEAL...
WITHOUT ALL THAT SPINACH IN THE BOWL...
...IF POPEYE DOESN'T STOP FEEDING ME SPINACH...
...AT EVERY MEAL...
I MIGHT END UP LOOKING LIKE HIM!
Hy EISMAN
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BY JIM KEEFE
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DALE ARDEN
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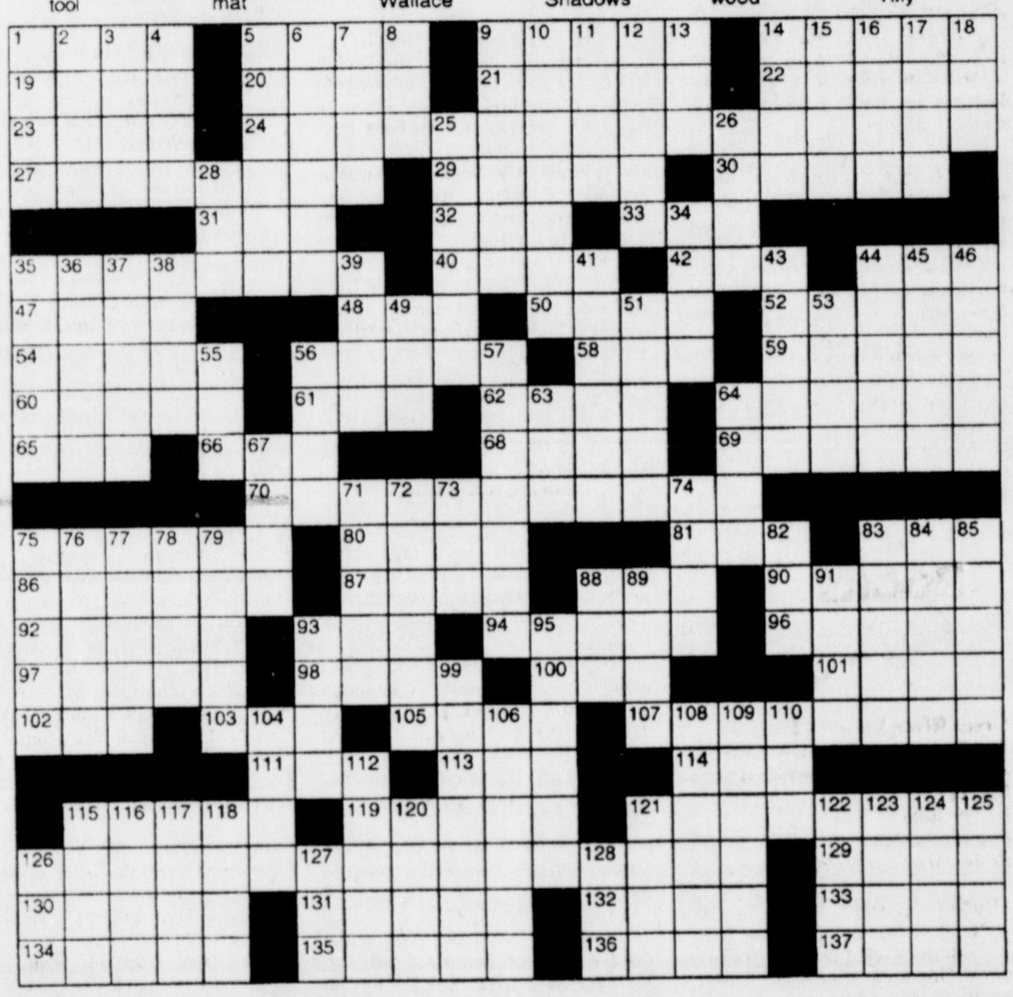
I'M RUINED.. RUINED!
ALARM TURNS TO PANIC AS THE PORTAL CONTINUES TO EXPAND.
UNTIL FINALLY...
...PANIC GIVES WAY TO UNRELENTING HORROR!
AAAAAA
NEXT: ATTACK ON BOSTON!

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Meat cut
5 "— You Babe" ('65 song)
9 Skimmer material
14 Chauvinist
19 Othello's ensign
20 — contendere
21 What the nose knows
22 Greene or Michaels
23 Be a blacksmith
24 Start of a remark by James Dent
27 Appropriates
29 Dutch artist Jan
30 Let up
31 Rep.
32 Speakeasy patron
33 Hoover, for one
35 Part 2 of remark
40 Beginning on
42 '72 Michael Jackson smash
44 Impact sound
47 Downey of "Touched by an Angel"
48 Woodworking tool
50 New York university
52 "Butterfield 8" author
54 Rouse
56 Singer Payne
58 Plant disease
59 Ponti's partner
60 Become a prune
61 Islands instrument
62 Baby —
64 Like Hercules
65 "Malcolm X" director
66 — Mahal
68 Widespread
69 Shed
70 Part 3 of remark
75 Ambush man
80 Ripped
81 Periodontists' org.
83 Bud
86 Tweety Pie, e.g.
87 Highlands tongue
88 Nobelist Octavio
90 Man from Malmo
92 Hersey setting
93 They may be personal
94 Ornamental mat
96 "Salome" character
97 Like some paper
98 Covenant
100 Opie's aunt
101 Unit of area
102 Archaic preposition
103 Conductor Queler
105 Snake sound
107 Part 4 of remark
111 Slalom curve
113 Ruby of "A Raisin in the Sun"
114 Limit
115 Sink
119 Dust busters
121 — squash
126 End of remark
129 Peace of mind
130 Soviet cooperative
131 "He's making — . . ."
132 Buffalo waterfront
133 Jocular Johnson
134 Director Sergio
135 "Beau —" ('39 film)
136 Equipment
137 Actor Wallace

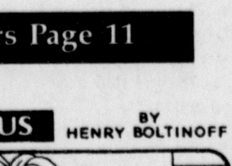
DOWN
1 Speech problem
2 Neighbor of Molokai
3 Violinist Oistrakh
4 Playwright Coward
5 Spectrum shade
6 Discuss
7 Auto pioneer
8 Petite pooch
9 Prepares onions
10 ". . . baby on the —"
11 Emulate Sinbad
12 Improve
13 Violent card game?
14 Hunk of gunk
15 Pindaric character
16 Pluck
17 Fairy-tale start
18 Golfer's gadget
25 Disney rabbit
26 Tom, Dick, or Harry
28 No Einstein
34 Encourage a culprit
35 Go fishing
36 Long of football
37 Stun
38 Daily receipts
39 TV's "— Shadows"
41 Remote
43 Nick of "I Love Trouble"
44 Strauss aristocrat
45 Common contraction
46 Chutney ingredient
49 Minuscule
51 Reindeer name
53 Israeli dance
55 Tolkien creation
56 Japanese volcano
57 Rubbed the wrong way
63 Garage supply
64 Runners carry it
67 Crooked
71 Bara of the silents
72 Judd of "George & Leo"
73 "— a Rebel" ('62 hit)
74 Unclear
75 It'll give you a weigh
76 Lowest point
77 Absurd
78 Sheet of stamps
79 Carve a canyon
82 Furniture wood
83 "Thanks, Robespierre!"
84 Idolize
85 Surrenders
88 In-your-face item
89 Guinness or Baldwin
91 Sport
93 Does Little work
95 Preoccupy
99 Most methodical
104 Jacket feature
106 Hardly hyper
108 Small shrub
109 Foam
110 Choose, with "for"
112 Face lift?
115 Wet blanket
116 Concerning
117 WWII gun
118 Tropical spot
120 Handel's "— and Galatea"
121 Spotless
122 "— of the Cat" ('77 hit)
123 Reduce, with "down"
124 — Spumante
125 Poverty
126 Baseball's Ripken
127 Witty one
128 Foster or Tilly



WAIST OF MONEY

Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. Two less than 18-Down
3. Ten less than 19-Across
5. Two more than 5-Down
6. The last digit is three times the first digit
7. Consecutive digits in descending order
9. Seven more than 7-Across
11. One-half of 13-Across
13. Five more than 20-Across
15. Same digit repeated
17. 15-Across times 16-Down
19. Five times 1-Across
20. Consecutive digits in descending order

DOWN
1. Three times 3-Down
2. Two times 8-Down
3. Consecutive digits in ascending order
4. Same digit repeated
5. Digits of 3-Across reversed
8. Twenty less than 9-Across
10. 4-Down minus 5-Across
12. Five more than 10-Down
14. Digits of 2-Down rearranged
16. 18-Down minus 13-Across
18. 8-Down minus 15-Across

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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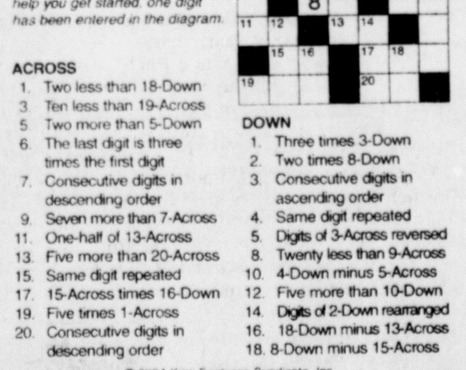

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CELEBRITY extra

by Evelyn Green

Q. Whatever happened to that sitcom that Sarah Michelle Gellar ("Grudge") and her husband, Freddie Prinze Jr. ("Scooby Doo"), were supposed to do together? —*Alma H.*

A. The pair had reportedly looked over a number of projects they could do together, but so far, according to their representatives, haven't found anything they liked as a vehicle for both of them. Meanwhile, Gellar is making hit movies like "Grudge," and Prinze is said to be close to signing an agreement for a half-hour sitcom that would have him playing a Puerto Rican man raised in a houseful of women.

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Q. Is Jimmy Smits (ex-"NYPD Blue") going to take over for Martin Sheen on "West Wing"? —*H.L.*

A. This is a rumor that has suddenly cropped up, maybe because some of Smits' fans believe this is the direction NBC plans to go. But not so. Smits has a limited-run arc — albeit a very dramatic one — on the series and will then go into production on his own show.

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Q. On "Court TV," is it true that Nancy Grace, one of the hosts, gave up a lot of money as a defense attorney to become a prosecutor because a member of her family died? —*Lianne B.*

A. After the death of her fiance, Nancy Grace said that while she is a staunch defender of the right for people to have good counsel, she felt her place in the justice system was to prosecute people charged with crimes. So, yes, at that point she stepped away from what was already a successful career to work for much less in the District Attorney's office.

Of course, these days the very gracious and very knowledgeable Ms. Grace is doing quite well as one of "Court TV's" anchors.

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Jimmy Smits

Q. I understand David Boreanaz ("Angel") is coming back to television. Will he be doing another series with a supernatural theme? —*Warren McD.*

A. No more vampires or other spooky stuff (at least for a while) for Boreanaz. Instead, he's set to star in a new ABC series based on the life of undercover hit man Jack Ballantine. The show is expected to go into production early next year.

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Q. To whom is Richard Gere married? Is she an actress? Does she do movies or television, and what has she starred in? —*Linda W.*

A. Richard Gere ("Shall We Dance?" and the upcoming "The Bee Season") is married to actress Carey Lowell, with whom he has a son. Lowell, a former Ford model, has done a number of films, including "Leaving Las Vegas," and television shows. She played Assistant District Attorney Jamie Ross on "Law and Order" from 1996 to 1998. Lowell also has a daughter from her first marriage to actor/director/producer Griffin Dunne. Gere's first marriage was to model Cindy Crawford (1991 to 1995).

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

MUSHROOMS ARE A NATURAL WITH TURKEY

Don't you dare fool around with your family's favorite turkey dressing, mashed potatoes, candied sweets or creamed white onions, or omit them from your Thanksgiving menu. Yours are the best. Family and friends have told you so many times. So, year after year the menu's the same.

When it comes to other vegetable accompaniments — and you must have plentiful veggies on Thanksgiving — you have lots of leeway. You can add new flavors to your usual dishes or introduce new ones.

Do you need to be reminded that mushrooms seem to be a natural with poultry? Portabella Mushroom Medley adds so much flavor. The good news is that it can be prepared a day ahead, and the recipe can be doubled.

The mushrooms can be cooked until almost done and then refrigerated. When ready to use, reheat them.

PORTABELLA MUSHROOM MEDLEY

- *4 tablespoons olive oil*
- *1 large onion, cut into 1/2-inch dice*
- *2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary or 1 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed*
- *8 ounces portabella mushrooms, sliced 1/2-inch thick, gills removed*
- *1 pound large white mushrooms, thickly sliced*
- *1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce*
- *2 garlic cloves, minced*
- *1 teaspoon sherry vinegar*
- *2 tablespoons butter (optional)*
- *Ground black pepper, to taste*
- *2 pinches red pepper flakes*
- *Salt, if needed*

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add onions and rosemary and cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, about 12 minutes; remove to a bowl. Return the pan to the stove and add half the remaining oil. When it's hot, add the portabella mushrooms and sauté until nicely browned, about 5 minutes. Add portabellas to the onion mixture and repeat sautéing with the remaining oil and the white mushrooms. Return everything to the pan and add tomato sauce, garlic, 1-1/2 cups water and vinegar. Simmer gently for 12 to 15 minutes, then swirl in the butter. Season with pepper and red pepper flakes. Add salt if needed. Yield: 4 portions.

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You may also call the USDA Meat and Poultry hot line year-round from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Thanksgiving Day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (EST). Here too, real people are there during those hours. However, calls after-hours are answered by recordings.

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CRITIC'S CORNER

By D.N.A Smith

"Saw"

Running time: 100 minutes
MPAA rating: R

"Saw" is the most sadistic, gory movie I've ever seen. There are scenes of torture in this movie that will disgust you. Thankfully, "Saw" is also one of the stupidest films ever made, so some of the scenes that should be gut-wrenching are hilariously funny. The horrible, over-the-top acting from Cary Elwes doesn't help this film, either.

In short, "Saw" is a mixed offering that swings from a bloody, gory, This-Film-Will-Mess-You-Up-for-Life shocker to a bust-a-gut, I-Can't-Believe-How-Bloody-Awful-This-Is laff riot.

The film opens in a dank, dirty, poorly lit bathroom. In the room are two men — a photographer named Adam (Leigh Whannell, who co-wrote the movie) and an adulterous doctor, Lawrence (Cary Elwes) — who are chained to the plumbing. They can't reach each other. Between them is the corpse of a man who's blown his brains out. Neither man can remember how he got there.

Through a series of clues and the help of a cassette tape, Lawrence is told that he has six hours to escape or he will die and his wife and preschooler daughter will be murdered. The tension in this opening scene is brilliant. If only the film has stuck with these two men, "Saw" would've been the best psychological thriller made in the past 20 years.

Sadly, this is not to be. Enter the deluge of flashbacks (and flash forwards) that muddy the timeline and create giant plotholes that become laughably obvious during the film's final 15 minutes, when multiple "twist" endings occur.

Cary Elwes

"Saw" is definitely headed for cult status, and I'll be getting the unrated DVD when it comes out. But I can't recommend you see "Saw" in the theater. It's definitely the kind of low-budget gore-fest best rented on DVD, where you can fast-forward through the weak parts and get to the good stuff.

GRADE: C+

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Books

Green River, Running Red: The Real Story of the Green River Killer — America's Deadliest Serial Murderer
by Ann Rule
(Free Press, $26)
Reviewed by Larry Cox

During the summer of 1982, the body of a teenage girl was found beneath the Peck Bridge on the edge of the Green River in Kent, Wash. A month later, a second body was found in the same area. More bodies followed. The total would eventually reach at least 49 young women.

Police formed the Green River Task Force and began one of the most intense investigations ever triggered in the Pacific Northwest. Even though investigators contacted an unprecedented 40,000 men, the case remained unsolved until 2001. The turning point came when police used a new DNA process on a saliva sample taken at one of the crime scenes 14 years earlier. The results identified Gary Ridgway, and he was tracked down and arrested.

For 21 years, Ridgway had been a virtual killing machine, ridding the world of women he considered evil. He was especially elusive because of the almost effortless way he was able to lure victims to their deaths.

"Green River, Running Red" by Ann Rule is a harrowing account of the murders and their aftermath. Rule, a former Seattle police officer and best-selling crime writer, followed the case from the beginning, compiling more than 95,000 pages of official police records, transcripts, photographs and maps. She gained access to King County Sheriff Dave Reichert, one of the first investigators assigned to the case.

And because some of the corpses were found just miles from where she lived and raised her own daughters, the Green River killings became her most personal case.

Rule's book is crisply written and meticulously researched, and it reveals a chilling look into the darkest side of human nature.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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The quickest way for a parent to get a child's attention is to sit down and look comfortable.
—Lane Olinghouse

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If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders.
—Abigail Van Buren

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Don't handicap your children by making their lives easy.
—Robert A. Heinlein

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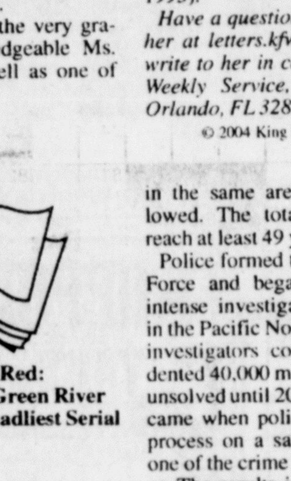
TUNING IN by Sally Stone

A Conversation With Susan Sarandon

On Sunday, Nov. 28, TNT will air "Noel," a film that tells the story of a group of people whose lives would appear to be forever untouched by the joys and blessings of the holiday season. But something extraordinary happens, and each of them is, indeed, touched by a personal Christmas miracle. Chazz Palminteri ("A Bronx Tale") directs "Noel" and has a cameo in the film. Others in the cast include Alan Arkin ("And Starring Pancho Villa as Himself"), Penelope Cruz ("Head in the Clouds"), Paul Walker ("Pleasantville") and Oscar winner Susan Sarandon ("Dead Man Walking," "Shall We Dance?") as Rose, an emotionally vulnerable woman who cares for her ailing mother. On Christmas Eve, Rose visits her mother in the hospital, and things start to happen that eventually help her see the world, and her place in it, in a different light.



"Noel"
TNT
Sunday, Nov. 28

(NOTE: "Noel" will also be shown in theaters on a limited nationwide run during the 2004 holiday season. A Flexplay DVD — which can be played any number of times for a 48-hour period after the package is opened — will be available through Amazon.com.)

Susan Sarandon says some people may miss the significance of the description of her character, Rose, as vulnerable, and think it means weak.

"It doesn't mean that at all," Sarandon says. "And before I continue, let me say that I love playing vulnerable people because they tend to be more sensitive and more aware of the needs of others, and I think we need more of that. As for Rose, she's actually a very strong person when you realize that she's managed to be successful in her career and still deal with the responsibility of caring for her mother. And her strength shows itself in other ways, especially when her life is about to be changed in that wonderful way that it all happens on Christmas Eve."

Sarandon and her longtime partner (since 1988), actor/director/writer Tim Robbins, have been active in political and social causes. Her upcoming film "The Exonerated," which is based on the off-Broadway play about real people who were sentenced to be executed, although each proved to be innocent (in one case, the proof came after the execution), reflects her longtime campaign against capital punishment.

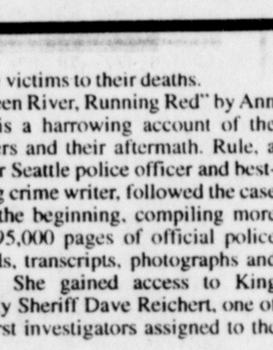
"So many people (who support capital punishment) talk about justice," she says, "when what they really mean is revenge, and that has no place in a just society."

As for her work to help women caught in traditions that keep them as little more than property and with no rights — even to the sanctity of their own bodies —Sarandon says, "We are making progress, and although the traditional patriarchal societies these women live in are difficult to change, we have to keep trying."

Finally, asked what she would like the audience to take from "Noel," Susan Sarandon says, "I would like them to see that even when things look hopeless, they may not be. And that hope is always a possibility. We just need to be open to it. It also tells us that things often happen for a reason, and we have to find that reason."

In Focus

William Shatner's long career in theater, film and television has run the gamut from Shaw to Shakespeare to science fiction, and lots of great stuff in between. Currently, he stars on ABC's "Boston Legal" as Denny Crane, a successful lawyer who faces the possibility that he may have dementia.



William Shatner

Although he has one of the longest and most diversified resumes of any actor working today, Shatner admits that he is still most strongly identified with his role as Captain Kirk on "Star Trek." But it doesn't bother him.

"After all," the Montreal-born William Shatner says, "it made it possible for me to play a lot of other wonderful characters, including Denny Crane."

DIAL TONES: The story of the fabled "Christmas Tree Ship" that has brought Christmas trees to needy people in the Chicago area for more than 100 years is told in a special episode of "Storm Stories: The Christmas Tree Ship" airing Nov. 28 on the Weather Channel.

The new movie Superman is **Brandon James Routh**, whose television credits include a role on the soap opera "Love of Life" and appearances on MTV's "Undressed."

And on a somewhat-related note, plans to produce a television documentary on the life of the late **Christopher Reeve** — who was the previous film Superman — are said to be under way, and will include his efforts to get government support for stem cell research.

Shatner says the possibility that Crane may have the cruel mind- and identity-robbing disease is dramatically significant.

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Hooray for Leftovers

This is an easy and delicious way to use some of your leftover Thanksgiving turkey. You may want to freeze several 2-cup packages of turkey so you'll have the main ingredient at hand. After one bite, I think you'll want to make this often and will be glad you have some turkey stashed away in the freezer!

EASY CREAMED TURKEY

- *1 (10 3/4-ounce) can reduced-fat chicken soup*
- *2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder*
- *1 cup water*
- *1 tablespoon dried onion flakes*
- *1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes*
- *2 cups diced cooked turkey breast*
- *1 (4-ounce) can sliced mushrooms, drained*

In an 8-cup glass microwaveable mixing bowl, combine chicken soup, milk powder, water, onion flakes and parsley flakes. Stir in turkey and mushrooms. Microwave on High (100-percent power) for 5 to 6 minutes or until mixture is very hot, stirring every 2 minutes. Serve over toast, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, pasta or rice. Makes 4 (3/4 cup) servings. Freezes well.

• Each serving equals: 210 calories, 2 g fat, 32 g protein, 16 g carb., 622 mg sodium, 1 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 3 Meat, 1/2 Fat-Free Milk, 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Vegetable.

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WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS

The Sacramento River registered 3 feet 7 inches, United States gauge at the Southern Pacific bridge yesterday.

More than a dozen men are busy on the river levee of the West Sacramento Company between the rice mills and the lower portion of the district. Owing to erosion considerable sand has been washed into the stream and it is to strengthen these points where the wear is greatest that brush is being placed by employes of the West Sacramento Company. The brush is being secured mostly from the inside of the levee and at the same time the land is being cleared to make it cultivatable by the farmers.

Ditch cleaning will be started very soon by directors of Reclamation District 900 of West Sacramento. Some of the main canals have not been cleared out for several years and it is to clear out those canals mostly that the work will be started. Ditchers will be used to clean out the obstacles in the canals.

On complaint of his wife, J. Almazoff of Riverbank was arrested last Monday and appeared before Judge Barry last Tuesday charged with battery. He was placed under bonds and his trial set for today, Friday, but too late for the Independent to get details before going to press.

C. C. Davis of Sacramento was before Judge Barry last Tuesday on a charge of petty larceny for stealing some decoys from a club grounds owned and operated by W. T. Austin in the Conaway tract. Davis pleaded guilty and was fined $10 by Judge Barry.

The dance of the volunteer firemen will be held tomorrow night in the town hall and promises to be a gala affair, because the volunteers are devoting a great deal of time and energy towards making it a success. The last dance held by the firemen in the town hall netted a neat sum to help the department and it is estimated that the dance tomorrow night will result equally well.

Regular dances are about to be held every Wednesday night in the town hall in addition to those that are scheduled for Saturday nights. The proponents of the Wednesday night dances are Percy Churchill and Al Bryant.

The Washington Star Club had its regular meeting last Wednesday night at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at which the pricipal feature of entertainment was a debate participated in by members of the club. The question at issue was "Should a Boy Smoke?" Francis Bennetts and A. Bonnetti took the negative, while Fred Gale and W. Schmidt took the affirmative. After speaking on the question for some time the decision was that the negative side won, mostly through the arguments advanced by Bennetts. Three members of the Washington Club have entered the cross city race which will be held some time in the near future under the auspices of the Sacramento Union. The entrants are W. Schmidt, Billy Norton and J. Dassonville. Next Saturday night a basketball game will be played at the Y. M. C. A. between members of the Washington Star Club and boys of the Calvary Baptist Church in Sacramento.

Jack Allerton has been confined to his home for several days with a severe sick spell. Yesterday he was able to be out of bed and will likely be at his work in a few days. His little daughter, Mona, was taken down, however, with a severe case of tonsilitis.

J. Armstrong of Cosumnes spent last Monday with the Leinberger family just visiting. He left here Tuesday morning to spend a week visiting in San Francisco.

Willy Beltrami, the four-year-old child of Joe Beltrami, was somewhat seriously burned on the face and hands last Tuesday while playing in the yard of his parent's home. Children with whom he was playing found some coal oil and scattered it on some papers to which they set a lighted match. The sudden blaze caught the child and somewhat seriously injured his right eye.

J. H. Burton, a Sacramento plumber, was arrested by Constable Buckingham last Sunday for reckless driving of an automobile. Before Judge Barry last Tuesday he paid a fine of $10 and promised to sin no more.

Mrs. Ed Peek, who has been confined to her home by illness, has recovered sufficiently to be able to leave her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boston, residents of Carson City, Nev., are visiting at the homes of Mrs. E. Reinersman and P. A. Hart.

George Beale, who recently sustained two broken ribs, has now resumed his activities in the mercantile business.

Mrs. George Beale and Mrs. Thomas Robinson, who have been spending the past few days in San Francisco, returned to their homes in Washington.

The finance committee recently appointed to raise funds preparatory to the holding of the Christmas festivities at the school house, met Wednesday afternoon with the teachers to discuss plans. The following compose the purchasing committee: Mrs. A. M. Cameron, Mrs. J. McNevin, Mrs. William Wood and Mrs. I. K. Manchester. Mrs. E. H. Kiefman was named a committee of one to purchase candy and popcorn for the affair. The collecting committee reported much success in its efforts to raise money for the Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jasper of Wheatland spent Monday in Washington as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cameron en route to Napa, where they will visit Mrs. Lottie Drisbin and family.

Mrs. H. M. Eugene and Mrs. Amy Reed, who have been spending a short while in Oroville, returned to their home in Washington.

Mrs. Charles Holland, who has been visiting at the home of Miss Ardella Manchester for the past few days, returned to her home in St. Helena. She was accompanied on the trip by her husband, who was here on business.

Clarence Painter is rapidly recovering from his recent illness and will soon resume his business duties.

Mrs. Mary Noyes has returned from a visit with friends in the Hammonton district.

Erland Manchester, who has been spending the past three weeks as the guest of his sister, Mrs. Hilma Kiff at Tres Pinos, returned to his home in Washington yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hampton left on a short business and pleasure trip to Woodland.

Mrs. A. Flores of Washington is visiting in Woodland on business.

Construction work has commenced on two new homes on Elizabeth street between Third and Fourth streets, which will be occupied when completed by Roy Peek and William Bartle.

CHINESE BEING RAIDED REGULARLY, BUT NO EVIDENCES OF GAMBLING BEING TAKEN

Raided yesterday evening by Constable Buckingham and William Bartie, the Chinese inhabiting the Washington Hotel were quietly going along about their affairs and no evidence of a gambling character was taken except that some old lottery tickets were picked up in a garbage box in one of the places.

The large building erected by the Chinese near the M street bridge is now inhabited by Chinese of Sacramento. The place is well lighted at night and lookouts are posted at each door in the building, but so far as any person can see there is no gambling on the premises. What may be going on behind closed doors it is impossible to guess or to surmise.

From the places occupied by the Chinese on Anne street and on Second street all the furnishings and furniture have been removed, some to the building near the M street bridge and some returned to Sacramento.

Those places on Anne street and on Second street are black as night with no evidences of habitation showing.

Constable Buckingham is keeping a close watch to see that there is no open gambling in any of the Chinese places and no warrants have been asked for in the quest of gambling apparatus either from Judge Barry or from Judge Harrison of Woodland.

WEST SACRAMENTO ROAD IS NEARING COMPLETION

Although it appeared two weeks ago that the road in West Sacramento extending from the church to Riverview would be finished in a few days, a mishap to the concrete mixer has delayed its completion until now with the probability that the last of the concrete will be laid tomorrow.

Yesterday six hundred feet remained to be finished, but with a full working force and the machinery in good order a stretch of 210 feet could be laid each day.

Those deeply interested in the finishing of this stretch of road fear that rain may come along and become the means of ruining this road.

The sides of the road are near dirt that will yield under any kind of load in wet weather. Autoists getting stuck in this muck will not hesitate to climb on the fresh concrete and this would be extremely injurious to the new road.

Another week of dry weather will place this road in such a solid condition that it will likely last for years but should rain come along there is liable to be damage.

Wonder will it make much difference whether the feed on Thanksgiving comes out of a gobbler or a hen.

Some women have an awful grudge against the male sex and like to eat them up.

SEVERAL PLACES RAIDED; SEVEN ARRESTS MADE

Enforcement officers under the guidance of Walter J. Burke, chief of a number of dry operatives working in Yolo County out of District Attorney George T. Kern's office, swooped down on Washington last Thursday night, arrested seven men, seized an estimated 900 gallons of assorted wines and jackass, captured a still, and increased the arrests for blind pigging and bootlegging within the past 18 hours to twelve.

Wine and jackass flowed freely in all of these places, according to one federal operative discussing the wholesale raid where men, women and children were present at booze orgies wherein operatives were treated as freely as men who had lived years in the community and were well known to the venders of the illicit viands. Evidence on all of the places had been gathered weeks ago. The places had been watched. Operatives visited them freely and drank often. Evidence galore was obtained, according to both Kern and one of the operatives who declared that his real name and the name he worked under were two different things.

In one of the popular drink houses entered and arrested by the authorities, with Sheriff J. W. Monroe as the principal arresting officer, one of the visitors to the place asked a small girl of tender years for a drink.

The girl wispered to her mother who was master of ceremonies in the place. In a moment or so the girl returned to the applicant for a drink and said, in a stage whisper:

"Mamma says no more tonight."

There was a reason. Woman intuition knew that something was wrong. The atmosphere about the place was not normal. And she was correct, for, according to the operative, a moment later the place was "pinched."

All of the cases will go before Superior Judge W. A. Anderson for final determination. Justice of the Peace R. W. Harrison will hold preliminary hearings and, if the evidence is sufficient will bind the men over for trial in the higher court. Kern is making all of the charges in the case on hand indictable misdemeanors.

In most of the Washington places entered last Thursday night there were women. All of them were belligerent and told the arresting officers what they thought of them. Efforts were made to destroy evidence. The women fought to keep officers from getting what they went after. They did not know that all of the necessary evidence is alleged to have been obtained before the raids.

Sheriff Monroe stated that the raid was one of the largest in the history of the county.

Monroe did not pretend to know just how much illicit liquor was confiscated, but said it was enough to care for the wants of all the thirsty for months to come.

SUPERVISORS WILL ASK RE-ELECTION NEXT AUGUST

Woodland, Nov. 20.—All doubt as to whether Lee R. Hutchings, Shadrock Gladney and Wm. Leinberger are to be candidates for re-election to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors was removed today when all three announced informally that they would again be in the field.

"I'll run as long as the people want me," said Gladney who is representing the people of the Guinda, Capay Valley, Esparto and Madison districts, as well as the Yolo district. Some weeks ago it had been hinted that Gladney would not seek re-election.

"Yes, I think I'm entitled to a second term and I am going to ask for it," was the way Supervisor Hutchings of Woodland expressed his intentions.

Leinberger said that he has no intention at this time of retiring. "There is much important work unfinished in my district and I desire to complete the job," said the man from Washington.

The primaries are slated for next August.

Chairman W. O. Russell and F. B. Edson are in the "I don't worry" class insofar as their supervisoral jobs are concerned. They were successful a year ago.

The Independent has been unable to interview Supervisor Leinberger concerning the above story published in the Democrat on November 20th.

At the last election Leinberger was elected without opposition and his work on the board since that time has been of such character that it is believed he will likely go through this time also without opposition.

In all likelihood there will be a Republican candidate in opposition to him, for no doubt the Republicans will see to it that there will be a candidate in the field.

BIDS BEING ASKED FOR LIBRARY BUILDING AT DAVIS

At the meeting of the board of supervisors of Yolo County to be held on December 3d next, bids will be received for the construction of a library building within the town of Davis.

At this writing some of the principal streets of Davis are being improved by the supervisors with the provision that those portions left unpaved shall be finished from funds put up by the residents within the incorporated community.

Winters has also asked the board of supervisors for co-operation in improving its streets and that question will be threshed out at the meeting in December or at a meeting to be held later during the month of January.

CLAIMS ALLOWED BY YOLO SUPERVISORS

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors held in Woodland on November 5 the following claims were allowed:

Road District No. 1

Blackington, E. L., rdwk	$188.50
L. Burns, rdwk	42.00
S. C. Curtis, rdwk	29.25
Davis Lumber Co., lumber	45.40
Heringer, R. J., rdwk	200.75
Holland Land Co., rdwk	135.00
Leinberger, H. Jr., rdwk	38.50
La Montague, Thos, rdwk	24.00
Olson, Chris, rdwk	45.50
Pacific Gas & Elec. Co., street lights Broderick	92.40
Rec. Dist. No. 999, rdwk	333.00
Rec. Dist. No. 999, rdwk	407.00
Raabe, D. A., rdwk	45.50
Washington Water & Light Co., water	12.00
Wilkes, J. rdwk	97.50
Wilber, O. B., gravel	39.45

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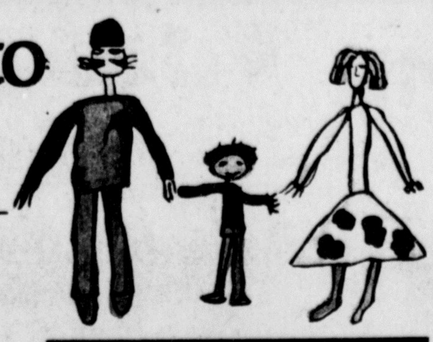
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Police log

Nov. 10, 11:01 p.m.
On Virginia St., someone entered a home by lifting the sliding glass door off of one side of the house. Numerous items were taken from the home.

Nov. 10, a.m.
Two officers responded to a medical aid call of a woman "running and fighting" with blood on her face. They found the woman near Riske Lane and Highway 275 (near the Tower Bridge), falling and staggering. She had reportedly punched a brick wall and broken a window at a motel, but the motel manager did not want to press charges. She had small cuts to her self. She was arrested for her own safety and that of others, and taken by ambulance.

Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m.
On 11th Street, someone entered a yard through a closed gate and forced open a rear door to enter a home.

Nov. 13, 9:30 a.m.
On Westacre Road, a woman reported her 1977 mobilehome stole, possibly by a woman who had been allowed to sleep in it for several days.

Nov. 13, 9:23 a.m.
On Safflower Place, a mobilehome and boat were reported to have been burglarized. Police received about a half-dozen theft reports involving vehicles at this location. Among the missing items were a tool kit, handheld radios, binoculars, a DVD and other items.

Nov. 13, 12:36 p.m.
An officer working another call was flagged down regarding an attempted suicide. A man was found bloody and drunk, and several rooms had blood in them. The man had cut his wrists shallowly. He declined medical aid but was hospitalized anyway.

Nov. 13, 5:22 p.m.
A woman away from her home called police saying her son was in her home threatening to harm her. The suspect was determined to have an outstanding arrest warrant and was classified as "armed and dangerous." Police surrounded the home and asked him to submit to arrest. When he did not, a police dog was sent in and bit the suspect. The man then complied and was arrested. He was medically cleared and booked.

Nov. 13, 6 p.m.
A man was arrested for being extremely intoxicated, lying next to a 6th Street restaurant causing patrons to step over him.

Nov. 13, 11:22 p.m.
An officer stopped a 50-year old Sacramento man driving on the 900-block of West Capitol Avenue in the wrong direction. The man admitted having been drinking. He couldn't follow the officer's directions during a field sobriety test, and rest and the man was booked.

Nov. 14, 4:21 p.m.
A man was arrested for battery after squirting a neighbor with a garden hose on Grizzly Bay Rd.

Nov. 14, 8:17 p.m.
Near Third Street, a caller saw a mobilehome strike a parked vehicle. The caller followed the mobilehome while reporting the incident. An officer located the mobilehome, but its driver fled on foot. The driver was caught and arrested for hit and run. A male passenger was arrested on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

Nov. 14, 11:35 p.m.
A stolen 1986 BMW was recovered on Maple Street.

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"Unwelcome and Unlawful: Sexual Harassment in the American Workplace" by Raymond F. Gregory.

"The 8th Habit: From Effectiveness to Greatness" by Stephen R. Covey.

"Women and Autoimmune Disease: The Mysterious Ways Your Body Betrays Itself' by Robert G. Lahita, M.D., Ph.D.

Call 375-6465 for information or library hours.

LETTERS
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ily size cans and 1200 children's toothbrushes to participants. The Lee Middle School Dance Team and Pioneer High Dance Team performed at the event to promote a fun physical fitness activity to the participants. We at Y-Fit would like to thank the Food Bank of Yolo County for their generous donation of the raisins and the Yolo County Health Department for their donation of the toothbrushes. We would also like to thank the dances teams for their performances at the event.

The Y-Fit Task Force is a nutrition advisory council that draws upon the expertise of its members to expand the knowledge base of Yolo County residents regarding nutrition, physical activity, and federal nutrition assistance programs. If you are interested in joining Y-Fit, or for more information, please call Mark Diel at 530-666-8645.

SAMRINA MARSHALL M.D.
Y-Fit Task Force Chairperson

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When my kids become wild and unruly, I use a nice, safe playpen. When they're finished, I climb out.
—Erma Bombeck
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If you want your children to improve, let them overhear the nice things you say about them to others.
—Haim Ginott
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It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it, myself.
—Joyce Maynard
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Answers to 'Sports Quiz' (p. 3) and Puzzles (p. 8)

Rational Numbers
answers

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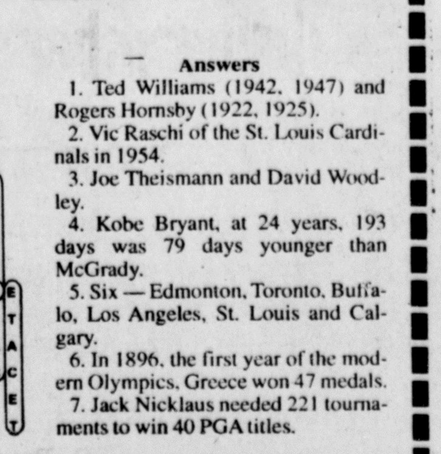

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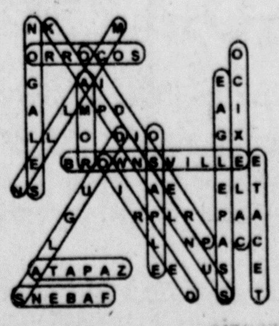

Answers
1. Ted Williams (1942, 1947) and Rogers Hornsby (1922, 1925).
2. Vic Raschi of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1954.
3. Joe Theismann and David Woodley.
4. Kobe Bryant, at 24 years, 193 days was 79 days younger than McGrady.
5. Six — Edmonton, Toronto, Buffalo, Los Angeles, St. Louis and Calgary.
6. In 1896, the first year of the modern Olympics, Greece won 47 medals.
7. Jack Nicklaus needed 221 tournaments to win 40 PGA titles.

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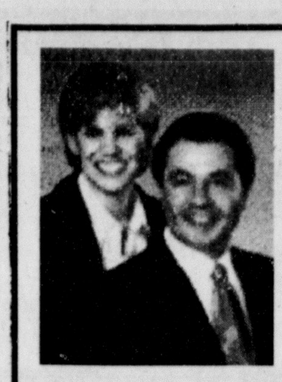

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Local Scene

Trees

The West Sacramento Tree Program offers free trees, stakes and tree education for local schools, churches and other organizations. For an application and information, call 617-4620.

'Tellabration'

The East Yolo Friends of the Library and Sacramento Storytellers Guild are holding a 'Tellebration' at the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento, at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19. A great group of storytellers is expected to be on hand to entertain you. Designed for adults and children who can listen like an adult. The planned 90-minute program may be difficult for younger children. No charge; bring a friend.

Casino trip

The West Sacramento Senior Center is planning a bus trip to Jackson Casino on Nov. 23. Cost is $15. Call Irene, 373-5819.

Check out Masons

You're invited to learn more about West Sacramento's Masonic Lodge during a "Walk About" at 4 p.m. on Nov. 20 at 3260 Jefferson Blvd. The lodge has relationships with both youth groups and Shriners hospital. Refreshments and good fellowship at the Walk About. Call 362-7574 or 366-6048.

Santa's visit

The West Sacramento Fire Department and its firefighters will bring Santa on his annual tour through West Sacramento aboard a fire truck, handing out candy canes. A pickup truck with Santa will collect food donations for the needy. Visits begin at 6 p.m. Santa will visit Broderick and Bryte on Monday, Dec. 6; North Business 80 (Pine, Palomar, etc.) on Dec. 7; Old West Sacramento (Deerwood, "state streets") on Wed., Dec. 8; northeastern Southport (Kinsington, Spruce, Gateway, etc.) on Thurs., Dec. 9; southwestern Southport (Independence, Janet, Allan, etc.) on Friday, Dec. 10; and Bridgeway Island area on Monday, Dec. 13). For more information, call 373-5814 (do not call 911).

Craft fair

Our Lady of Grace School will hold its annual Christmas craft fair on Sat., Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A hot dog lunch will be available for $2 between 11 and 1. To rent a table, call 371-9416.

Storytime

Storytime for preschoolers begins in the month of November at the local library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. It will be held Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and is aimed at kids age 3-5. There will be storybooks, feltboard stories, fingerplays, arts and crafts. Call 375-6465.

Bingo & spaghetti

A special bingo night and spaghetti dinner is planned at the West Sacramento Elks Lodge, 423 Third Street, with doors opening at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20. Bingo starts at 6. $10 includes dinner and ten games. Prizes include turkeys and hams.

Volunteers?

The annual West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project, which brings holiday food baskets to needy families in December, is looking for volunteers. If you can help out in November or December, please call and leave your name and number at 372-3360. You may also call Linda at 373-1744 after 6 p.m. on weekdays.

Quit smoking

Support the millions of Americans who on Nov. 18 will try to quit smoking for a day, as part of the American Cancer Society's "Great American Smokeout." Many smokers make several attempts to quit before they are successful. The county health department offers "quit smoking" programs backed up by hypnotherapy; call (530) 666-8645.

School concert

The student musicians of Golden State Middle School invite you to a band and choir concert on Wed., Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the school gym.

Crab feed

A crab feed to memorialize the late local boxer Joey Lopes and to benefit the fight against Alzheimers Disease will be held Sat., Nov. 20, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Hall, 1817 12th Street in Sacramento. No-host cocktails at 6 p.m., crab feed at 7 and dancing from 9-1. $30 donation. Call 371-3549 for tickets or information.

Holiday bazaar

A holiday bazaar to benefit Yolo Hospice will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on December 4 at the Clarksburg Library Activity Room. For sale will be baked goods, baskets, cosmetics, woodcarvings, jewelry, crafts and other unique items. For more information, call 775-1553.

Lamp exchange

Exchange your old, inefficient halogen "torchiere" lamp for a FREE energy-efficient compact fluorescent torchiere on Sat., Nov. 20, between 10 a.m. and noon at the Nugget market, 2000 Town Center Plaza (at Jefferson and Lake Washington) in West Sacramento. Open to Yolo County residence with proof of an electrical utility account. Used, working-condition lamps are accepted. For more information, see www.yoloenergy.org. Sponsored by the Yolo Energy Efficiency Project.

Horses anyone?

Interested in horses? Looking for riding partners? Join the West Sacramento Trail Riders Association. Call Rhonda at 373-1876 for more information.

Dispatcher wanted

The Yolo County Communications Emergency Service Agency is recruiting for a 911 dispatcher. The office is located in Woodland and offers round-the-clock dispatch of police, fire and medical services. Contact Marci Neilson, (530) 666-8900.

Thanksgiving

All are welcome to the Thanksgiving Worship service at 7 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 17, planned by the West Sacramento Interfaith Gathering and held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Anna and Todhunter streets. Call 798-8724 for information.

Raley Field is yours!

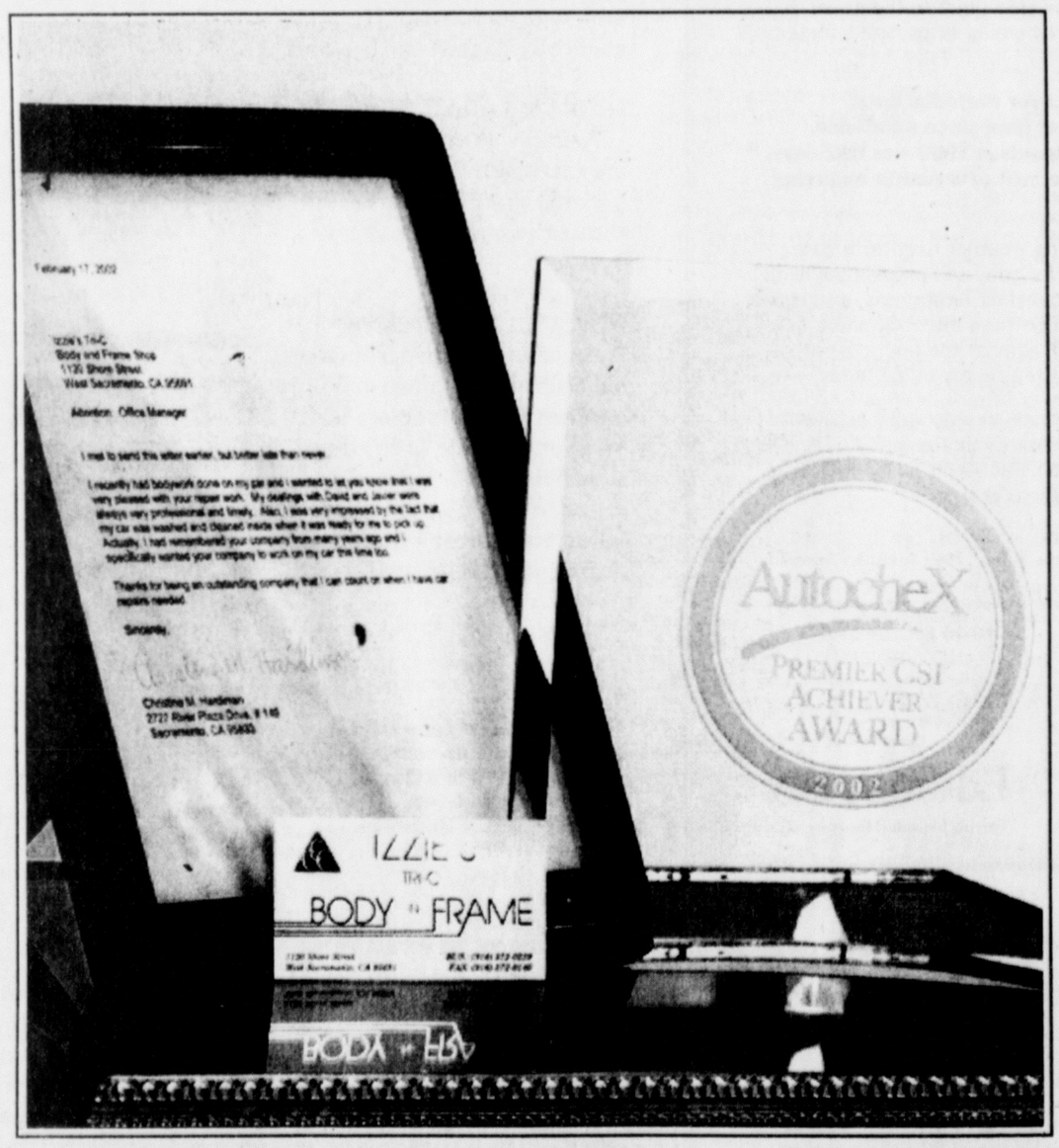
The Sacramento River Cats will make 20 days of use of Raley Field available for different community non-profit groups. If your group is interested in using the stadium between March and October of next year, call 617-4620 for an application. Some user fees and conditions apply to stadium use.

Spaghetti feed

The junior class at River City High School will hold a spaghetti feed at the Moose Lodge on Jefferson Blvd. (south area) on Nov. 19. Cost is $7 for adults and $5 for students and kids 12 and under. Proceeds will help pay for events and scholarships. For event time and other information, contact the campus.

Library page

West Sacramento's branch of the county library is accepting applications for a library page. Applications are available at the library, 1212 Merkley Avenue.



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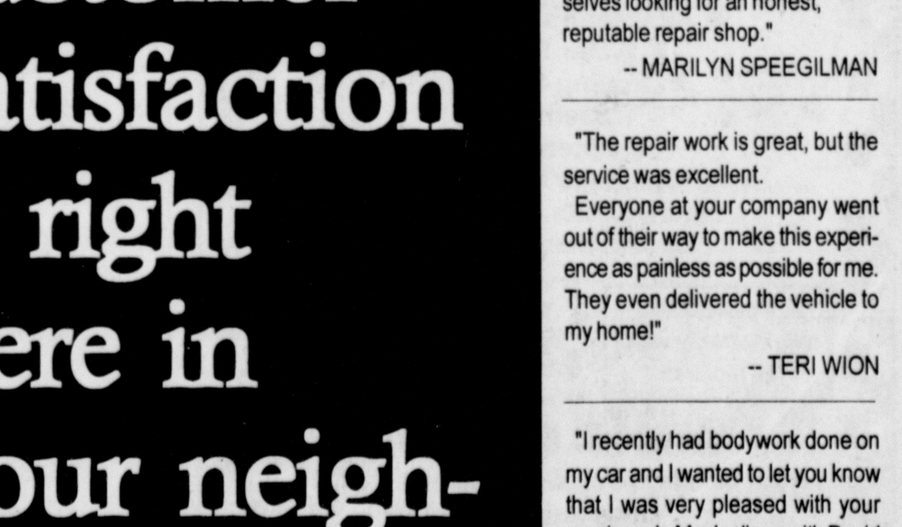
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